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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Mr. Van Ess:

This letter is in response to your comment letter, dated February 28, 2003, with regards to the Final Supplemental Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project.

The bulk of your concerns have been addressed in the Final SEIS and in responses to your earlier comments. The remainder have been addressed through the receipt of the 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency determination from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation Division, as well as through project modifications made as a result of those approvals (e.g., deletion of Miller-Pillar ecosystem restoration feature) and implementation of programs identified in those approvals (e.g., Regional Sediment Management). As you know, the State of Washington issued similar Water Quality and CZMA approvals. Copies of state approvals for Water Quality and CZM are available on the Corps' web site at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/issues/CRCIP/pubs.htm>

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project.

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